



The State Bar *of California*

DRAFT **PUBLIC MINUTES**

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

February 1, 2019

State Bar of California Offices
845 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California

A meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:05 a.m., Friday, February 1, 2019, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in Los Angeles, James P. Fox, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were: James P. Fox, Chair, Esther P. Lin, Vice-Chair, Angeli O. Agatep, M.D., James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Robert S. Brody, Alex H. Chan, James H. Efting, Judith K. Gillespie, Kareem Gongora, Dolores Heisinger, Larry Kaplan, Paul A. Kramer, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Vince Reyes, Judge Shelly B. Torrealba, and David A. Torres, Members. Member Bethany J. Peak entered the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Members Michael A. Iseri and Patricia M. Villalobos were absent. State Bar staff members in attendance were: Donna Hershkowitz, Chief Programs Office; Amy C. Nuñez, Director III, Admissions; Mark Torres-Gil, Assistant Director, Admissions; Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst; Christina Doell, Program Manager I; Tammy Campbell, Program Manager I; Kim Wong, Administrative Supervisor; Destie Overpeck, Attorney III; Allen Blumenthal, Supervising Attorney, Office of Chief Trial Counsel, and Joanna Mendoza, Board of Trustee Member. Also in attendance were: Dean Greg Brandes, Dean Maren Carmona, Dean Jay Frykberg, Dean Jackie Gardina, Dean Andrea Lua, and Dean Elizabeth Xyr. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 1:35 p.m. at which time the Deans left the meeting. The Committee meeting went into closed session at 1:45 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the minutes taken during the public session of the meeting on December 7 and 8, 2018, be approved.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018 KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the November and December 2018 Key Indicators for the Office of Admissions/Committee of Bar Examiners be received and

filed.

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 22, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING

It was by common consent agreed that the schedule for the March 22, 2019 Meeting, which will be held at the State Bar of California Offices in San Francisco, California, be received and filed.

EXAMINATIONS

LAW SCHOOL PERFORMANCE STUDY REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Performance Changes on the California Bar Examination Part 2 be received and filed.

TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE OCTOBER 2018
FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the technical report on the October 2018 First-Year Law Students' Examination dated November 28, 2018, which was prepared by Roger Bolus, Ph.D., be received and filed.

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals for the Subcommittee on Examinations be approved.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

PROPOSAL ON STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BAR EXAM

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that staff continue pursuing an exception from the National Conference of Bar Examiners to allow seating three bar exam takers per eight foot table; that staff evaluate and pursue the elimination of three test sites: one in Northern California and two in Southern California; and that staff pursue on-line proctoring as a means of improving the supervision of the California bar exam.

OCTOBER 2018 FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION COST-ANALYSIS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on costs for administering the October 2018 First-Year Law Students' Examination be received and filed.

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals the Subcommittee on Operations and Management be approved.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

LADY JUSTICE LAW SCHOOL PERIODIC INSPECTION REPORT

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Interim Inspection Report of Lady Justice Law School conducted in May 2018 (Report) be received and filed; that the mandatory and suggested compliance recommendations made in the Report be adopted; that the response from the school accepting all mandatory and suggested actions be accepted and filed; that the school provide the Committee with a written progress report as to the status of the mandatory and suggested actions enumerated in the Report as part of the School's 2019 Annual Report; and that the school's registration as an unaccredited law school be continued through Spring 2021.

MONTEREY COLLEGE OF LAW – MAJOR CHANGE REQUEST: RELOCATION OF SANTA CRUZ CAMPUS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the Committee of Bar Examiners approved Monterey College of Law's Request to relocate its satellite campus to a new downtown location at 1205 Pacific Street, Suite 206, Santa Cruz, California effective retroactive to January 2, 2019.

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals for the Subcommittee on Educational Standards be approved.

MORAL CHARACTER

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals for the Subcommittee on Moral Character be approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open and closed sessions of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m., Friday, February 1, 2019.